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thousands of bricks are piled up along the sidewalk and there is no use being made of them, we see no objection to persons using a few for whatever purpose they see fit, so long as they are returned in a year or two when work on certain sections of city streets will be well on towards completion. As things are now every house on Locust Avenue, for instance, could have 50 bricks for household use and they would never be missed from the hideous lineup of said articles which extends from Barney street as far out Locust Avenue as we have ever cared to walk under present conditions.

The acid test for the small boy is at hand—crab apples are ripe.

THE WORLD'S METROPOLIS.
WITH all its faults New York is such a city as any country may be proud of. New Yorkers think they made it and own it, but it was made and belongs to the whole United States, just as truly as London is the property of all England. There is little doubt that New York is rapidly displacing—if it has not already actually displaced—London as the greatest city in the world. The corrected figures of the state census give New York a population of a little over 5,000,000—5,066,222, to be exact. The population of the state is 9,773,817.

The city census contains more than one surprise. It gives an actual loss to Manhattan of 188,000 from the Federal census of five years ago. That has been explained in part as the effect of subways and as partly due to the check of immigration by the war. The effect of subways is seen in the growth of 155,000 in the Bronx, which now has 622,000 people, while the loss from falling immigration may perhaps account for the Brooklyn figures. With 1,634,000 in 1910 Brooklyn had a right to look forward to being a "two million town" this year, whereas it has only 1,803,000. Even that is a gain, however, of about 170,000, not a bad gain for five years.

It is impossible to tell how much the big war will reduce the population of London, but it is not an extravagant prophecy that in 1920 the Federal census will show New York to be the world's metropolis.

Many a man believes in rights for women—and lefts, too.

TO MY STRAW HAT.
DEAR bonnet, chapeau, lid (called by any other name you would still be my faithful straw) thou hast served me well during the wintry blasts of our summerless summer, and now with a frightful hot spell holding me breathless 'neath its blistering blazes comes the day decreed by fashion when I am supposed to put you on the shelf and put on the fall headwear. It does not seem right that you, faithful straw, should be sent to winter quarters with the weather so unpropitious for your going, and I have a good notion not to send you on your way until the terrible heat has departed. Of course, I run the awful chance of having you maltreated by those who adhere closely to the rules of fashion; but perhaps they will respect my courage and your faithful service and do you no harm.

Who would have the courage or the heart to smite the wearer of a straw hat with the mercury trying to kick the top out of the tube in the thermometer? Other large and influential towns have made special arrangements whereby the faithful straw may continue to be worn without fear until some respite is given from the present heat wave, and why should not the wearer of a straw hat be safe in Fairmont for a few days longer than usual this season.

It is reported that snow fell in Kansas yesterday, so or course Kansans won't want to wear the straw hat any longer, but until some of that Kansas weather comes East let us continue to wear the straw hat unmolested?

Do I hear a motion to that effect?

It has been moved and seconded that we be allowed to continue the use of the straw hat until cooler weather comes this way.

All in favor of this motion will give their consent by saying aye.

The ayes seem to have it, the ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Europe still regulates the price of grain—but we are supplying it.

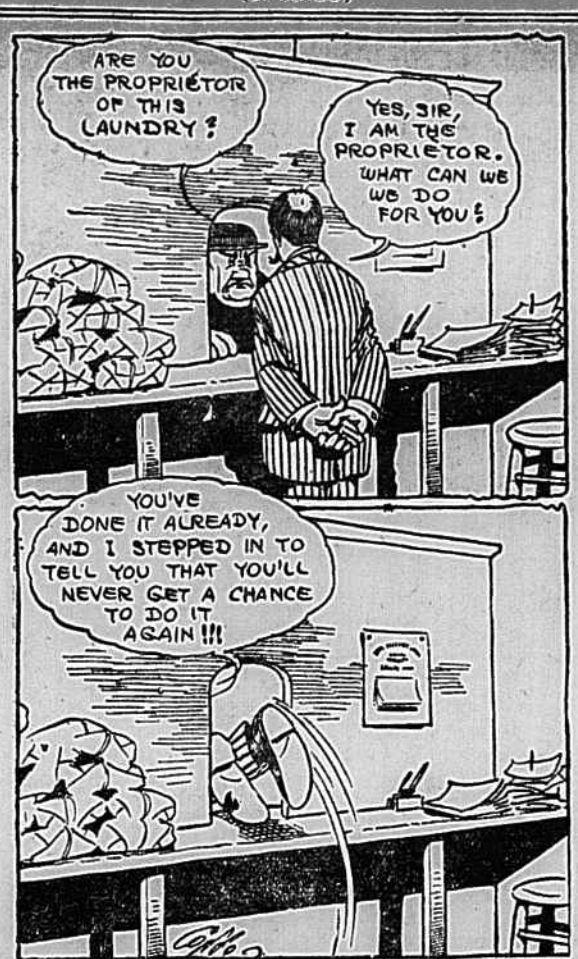
RUSSIA'S PLIGHT.
RUSSIA'S payment of the penalty for unpreparedness is given a new phase by the declaration that it is the result of a criminal grafting system which kept ammunition from the soldiers of her armies. It is directly charged that "government officers are responsible for her tragic shortage of ammunition." The fact of this shortage is not new, but the explanation that it is due to grafting freshens interest in Russia's plight, and arouses wonderment as to how such criminality and mismanagement could be kept from the knowledge of those in supreme authority.

That Russians are brave soldiers has been demonstrated on many battlefields, and although they have been continuously retreating for a month and more in the present war they have made pursuit very costly to their enemies, and this while sorely lacking in munitions. Doubtless they would be in a much more advantageous position today had they been properly supplied with guns and explosives, and it is not surprising that their resentment against those responsible for the tragedy is so intense that there is talk of revolution when the present war is ended.

Unfortunately the United States is even more unprepared than Russia was when the European war began, but we have the slight consolation that this is not due to grafting by government officials. Yet when the results are the same it is just as criminal to keep a nation in a state of unpreparedness as it is to make it so through official dishonesty. Russia is an example for all countries that are at present in the employment of peace—an example which should impel all to prepare, and that as soon as possible.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—When the citizens committee invited ex-Senator Nathan Bay Scott to stride a horse and ride in the great parade of the old soldiers, which is to be the biggest feature of the G. A. R. encampment to be held in this city week after next, he only firmly declined.

No riding in that parade for your "Uncle Nate." There isn't a knowing thing in this world of sufficient value to induce him to ride down Pennsylvania Avenue as an individual unit of the equestrian of that pageant. Not a thing.

Is Senator Scott refusing to participate in this great review, from a historical standpoint classed as the greatest since the boys in blue marched under the eye of Lincoln in '65? Not at all. He is merely refusing to ride.

He will be in the parade all right, but he is going to march right down among "the boys," shoulders to shoulder with the survivors of his own company and regiment. He wouldn't miss the thrill of that contact with his comrades for all the money that is stored in the great vaults of his big banking house. He is counting on it, has been talking about it for these many days, and as the date for the big event draws near, "Comrade" Scott is as enthusiastic over the parade and his part in it as any small boy with a new toy you have ever seen.

The fact of that matter is that the Continental Trust Company will have to get along encampment week without its guiding head. For Senator Scott is going to start in on a Monday and go right through the week, day by day celebrating with men for whom he has a feeling of fraternity that only the associations of warfare can give. It is an odd but a true fact that no ties of lodgehood bind men in as high degree of fraternity as which exist between the survivors of the great civil war no matter for which cause they hazarded their lives.

To Fairmont By Motor.

Col. and Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming and son, A. Sweeney Fleming, left the city today in their big, high-powered Pierce-Arrow for their home at Fairmont. They had intended leaving Saturday, but both Mrs. Fleming and Mr. A. S. Fleming were taken suddenly ill, the former having to be attended by a physician. Their attack of illness was as brief as it was sudden, and both felt completely recovered before starting on their journey back home.

Can They Sideslip It?

"The Democrats will be fortunate if they can shift the issue in the next national campaign and sideslip the tariff, which, in my opinion, they cannot do, notwithstanding just at this time the European war overshadows all domestic questions," said Dr. H.

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Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

ONLY ROAD TO PEACE.

The United States wants peace with Germany and Russia. In the Sun's opinion there is a method that once adopted and undeviatingly adhered to would speedily correct the misapprehensions that now exist, and surely enforce our high determination as an enduring design and not a campaign expedient. This course has been adequately and encouragingly illustrated in the treatment of Constantinople. With the removal of Dr. Dumba the issue will again narrow down to the submarine question. Both sides are entitled to establish facts, but if it be apparent in the future that these facts are fabricated to justify the inhuman submarine attacks under the guise of necessity then it will be time to enforce the doctrine of "strict accountability."—N. Y. Sun.

THE ORDUNA NOTE.

The Orduna note, as forecast in yesterday's dispatches from Washington, is a fit counterpart to the Arabic note. Each qualifies the German government's pledge not to sink liners without warning and without providing for

Busy Days in The Kitchen

Are these days busy ones for you in the kitchen? Are you doing preserving, pickling or canning? Then remember that our

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C. B. Van Herten, Main Street.
Clyde S. Holt, Main Street.
J. B. Rose, Cor. Main and Parks Avenue.

Moran and Springer, Cor. Bridge and Water Streets.
J. H. McCloskey, Cor. Sixth and Locust Avenue.
Hamilton Drug Co., Cor. Tenth and Virginia Avenue.
James Gallagher, Cor. Twelfth and Virginia Avenue.

THE QUESTION SOLVED.

AT LAST we have a possible solution for the delay in the paving work. Residents of the districts where the paving is being done have stolen bricks to be used to make the new highways and are using them as props for the doors. This is a terrible situation—almost as terrible in fact as the condition of many of the streets of Fairmont; but it certainly gives a beautiful alibi for whoever has been blamed in the past for the slow work in completing the paving. Just think of it—perhaps 50 bricks have been stolen from the million or so that have been carefully placed along the sidewalks for pedestrians to stumble over. Fifty bricks, which for these many days and months have been resting in peace along the curb, drafted into household service. Deploable, so deploable, don't you know.

But, perchance, those who have taken the bricks to place against the doors of the houses in the vicinity where the paving is progressing with the speed of a crippled snail, thought that they might just as well put the bricks to some use, seeing that there was slight chance of them getting on the streets for months and months. And it was rather a courtesy to the bricks, too, because even a brick with any pride at all wants to be serving some purpose, rather than being seen loafing on the sidewalk all the time.

We have no authority to make the following statement, but we make it just the same: Whenever the bricks are needed for the streets we feel sure that those who have been making use of a few of the idle ones will be only too glad to give them back. However, as long as